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11. (U) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Mesfin Midekssa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director for Specialized International Agencies, on August 11. Mesfin stated that the Government of Ethiopia (GoE) had not yet decided which candidate to support in the UNESCO Director-General race, but that the Ministry would consider the recommendations provided by the U.S. as it makes a decision. Embassy will provide further information on the GoE's decision once it is available. GONZALES